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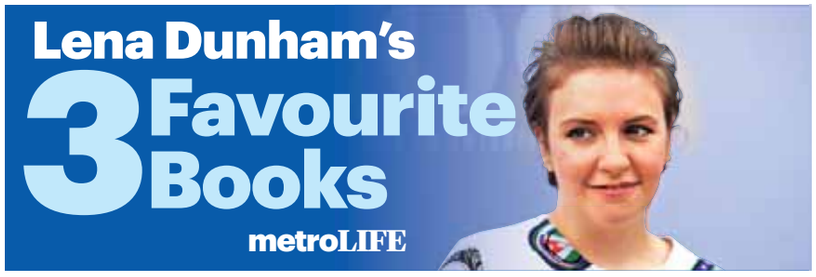

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A tale of 2 libraries

PROJECTS

With or without LeBreton, city presses on with central library

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

Although a library seems likely for LeBreton Flats, the City of Ottawa won't be putting its own central branch project on the back burner, Mayor Jim Watson made clear on Wednesday.

Both the Ottawa Senators-led RendezVous LeBreton and competing bidder Devcore Canderel DLS Group have proposed new libraries as part of their ambitious multibillion-dollar designs.

While Watson praised both plans, he said he does not want to see the central library project stalled in years of studies.

"We have to do what's in the best interest of the library and the City of Ottawa," he told reporters after Wednesday's council meeting. "If that means going separately, that's one option, but we're open to discussions with the two proponents now that they're out in the public."

The city will submit a request for proposals later this year and Watson said he hopes both proponents submit applications. The goal is to get shovels in the ground by 2018.

Library and Archives Canada has also signalled an interest in partnering with the city on a new downtown branch. This, combined with the LeBreton proposals, is "promising," said Watson.

If the National Capital Commission chooses a winning design by 2017 — and there's a chance neither will make the cut — it could take decades before the land is fully developed.

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HOMELESSNESS

LRT security guards gather donations for those in need

Joe Lofaro
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Kevin Ling, CEO and president of UCB1 Global Protection Services, drops off dozens of backpacks to The Ottawa Mission on Wednesday. Security guards who patrol the city's LRT construction sites see firsthand the plight of the homeless. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Working the night shift at the future Rideau light-rail station, Aaron Mabo has seen her fair share of the city's homeless roaming the streets with nowhere to go.

She works 12-hour shifts as a security officer for UCB1 Global Protection Services, an Ottawa firm contracted by the Rideau Transit Group to handle security for all of the city's LRT construction sites.

She spends a lot of her time guarding the stretch of Rideau Street between Sussex Drive and Dalhousie Street, a part of downtown that is now closed to vehicles but has long been a hot spot for panhandlers.

Mabo likes being down there. She's made connections with the regulars she sees, who she says are oftentimes invisible to others.

"They don't pay attention to really who's around them and if something does happen, if somebody does need help, they ignore the person in need. That's where we kind of step in and say, 'What do you need?'" said Mabo.

"It sucks. I wish there was more I could do about it. I wish I could help them. I wish I could get them a place to stay. But it's just not OK. I'm not a fan of it. It bothers me to see it."

After speaking with her boss, Kevin Ling, president and CEO of UCB1 Global Protection Services, they decided to give these people something that will have a direct impact.

> **"One of the challenges for us in the city of Ottawa is the winter needs don't end on Dec. 25.**
> Peter Tilley, Ottawa Mission executive director

On Wednesday, they pulled up in a van at The Ottawa Mission on Waller Street and donated more than 70 new backpacks filled with essential items like toothbrushes, clothes, shampoo, and most importantly, a clean pair of socks.

Peter Tilley, executive director of The Ottawa Mission, watched as Ling, Mabo and her colleague Danijel Avlijas piled the donated bags onto a table in the shelter's kitchen.

"This is huge for us," said Tilley.

On Tuesday night, the city's shelters were at capacity so they had to lay down 14 mats in the Chapel for people to sleep on, he said.

"One of the challenges for us in the city of Ottawa is the winter needs don't end on Dec. 25. As you can see with a shelter like our own, the need certainly continues, and in fact, more so in January and February."

He said recently a man came into the shelter and took off his boots because his socks were soaking wet. He tried to dry them himself on a radiator. Tilley grabbed a clean pair of his gym socks to give to the man instead.

"Now, look at this. Warm, winter socks," he said, holding a pair donated by Ling.

Ling's team of 40 guards has been patrolling the city's LRT stations from Blair to Tunney's Pasture since construction started in 2013.

He said the backpack initiative is a way of building a relationship with the people his team sees every single night.

"Many of them are travelling with their entire life belongings on their backs," he said.

"So, let's give them something that's a little more respectful than a paper bag or a plastic bag or something like that, which you often see them with."

Ottawa Centre MPP Yasir Naqvi also dropped by The Mission Wednesday to congratulate Ling and meet the shelter staff.

MOVING FORWARD

Lengthy process ahead for bids

When the curtain was finally pulled back this week on the two competing bids to redevelop LeBreton Flats, it was a pivotal moment for the area — once a thriving industrial community that was demolished in the '60s.

About 1,000 people attended the open house at the Canadian War Museum on Tuesday to see the bids.

But the two-day window for the public to see the proposals in person and directly interact with the teams behind them is a small part into the process, which has been going on for 18 months and will continue for many more.

The NCC is accepting online feedback until Feb. 8 at midnight. After that, the proponents' sites go offline and the process heads behind closed doors.

The NCC's five-member expert evaluation committee will rate the proposals on a rigorous scoring system. The criteria range from design excellence, year-round access, the phasing approach and the viability of the development. The public's submissions will also be compiled and sent for consideration.

The committee is expected to have a recommendation to the NCC's board of directors in March. After the successful team is chosen, the NCC enters into negotiations with them over the summer and fall. That could lead to significant changes to the plans.

After that, the proposal heads to federal cabinet. The NCC's timeline calls for cabinet approval in fall 2016. The public won't hear who the successful proponent is until early in 2017. At that point, it's still far from over. That's when the municipal process starts. MICHAEL WOODS/METRO

LeBreton candidate takes umbrage at outsider label

DEVELOPMENT

Both groups trumpet their Ottawa cred during pitch

Michael Woods
Metro | Ottawa

An us-versus-them dynamic is forming in the competition to redevelop LeBreton Flats, and one team is taking some exception.

The RendezVous LeBreton Group, backed by Senators owner Eugene Melnyk, has emphasized its local connections and understanding of the city's history in its bid to redevelop the long-vacant lands west of downtown.

"You can do it if you're from outside; sure you can," Senators president and CEO Cyril Leeder told reporters. "But guys from here really care and they'll put in the time and the effort to get it right."

Their rivals, Devcore Canderel DLS Group, are primarily backed by Quebec billionaires André Desmarais and Guy Laliberté, the founder of Cirque du Soleil.

> If the best proposal came from a Martian ... that's the decision that should be taken.
> Daniel Peritz

Daniel Peritz, senior vice-president of Canderel, said he takes exception to the notion that the group is comprised of outsiders.

"I think it's a little cavalier for them to take that position," he said.

For instance, Desmarais was born in Ottawa, and his family has made major contributions to the University of Ottawa. Another backer, Bill Sinclair, is the founder of JDS Uniphase, which employed 17,000 people locally. The local Mierins family is also backing the bid.

In addition, Devcore is based in Gatineau, and Canderel has been doing work in the capital for 33 years. And project lead architect Ritchard Brisbin lives and works here.

But Peritz also said the LeBreton Flats competition shouldn't be about that.

"This is not a popularity contest," he said. "This decision should be made based on the merit of the proposals, not who is presenting them."

Peritz also said that should his team win the competition, they are open to discussions with Melnyk about possible ownership of a downtown arena. Melnyk has said he will not sell the team or move it into an arena he doesn't own.

Architect Renée Daoust, left, shows a maquette of the Illumination LeBreton proposal at an open house at the Canadian War Museum on Wednesday. The NCC is accepting online feedback about the two finalists until Feb. 8. MICHAEL WOODS/METRO

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SAFETY THE WHEELS ON THE BUS Joy Tomkinson boards a new Para Transpo bus with her service dog, Joel, after a rally at City Hall. Para users say the new buses have several safety issues, including a steep ramp to board, exposed bolts, and a blocked emergency exit. Some of the seats are so high, the protesters said, that passengers' feet don't touch the ground, causing circulation issues and pain. There are 15 new vehicles on the road now, and the entire 82-bus fleet will be replaced by the spring. EMMA JACKSON/ METRO

U of O hockey team decries allegations

INVESTIGATION

Sexual assault accusations called 'murky and salacious'

Several members of the University of Ottawa hockey team say a court filing by the school has once again smeared them through "murky and salacious" accusations.

The members are suing the university for purportedly damaging their reputations by suspending the entire hockey program in March 2014 after allegations of sexual assault surfaced.

Two other team players were later charged with sexually assaulting a female student at Lakehead University during a tournament in Thunder Bay, Ontario.

The university says in a statement of defence in the Ontario Superior Court of Justice that it acted carefully and reasonably in deciding to suspend the hockey program.

The statement says the university was alerted Feb. 23, 2014, by a Lakehead student that team members had allegedly sexually assaulted her friend or watched the assault taking place earlier that month.

The university informed police and, after meeting with the team's coach, suspended him on Feb. 27. On March 3, the school suspended the varsity men's hockey program.

Within days, the university hired a workplace investigator who reviewed relevant documents, interviewed 10 of 26 team members, the coach, the Lakehead student who tipped off the school and an RCMP constable, according to the statement of defence.

In May 2014, the investigator reported to the school that:

- At least three players had intercourse with the woman at the hotel where the team was staying;
- Relations with one player were consensual, but it could not be determined whether acts with the other two were consensual;
- Several other team members, in various states of undress, watched — or were present in the room — while the latter two players had relations with the woman. Some of these players may have played a role in the activity or touched the woman.
- Most of the team members had consumed large amounts of alcohol, resulting in one being sent to a hospital emergency room.

In their formal reply to the court, team members involved in the class-action suit say the university's information "effectively clears 11 players from any involvement" in the alleged misdeeds since they were either not in Thunder Bay or were at the hospital.

The "unfortunate part" is the fact the university did not exonerate the 11 absent players at the outset, said Lawrence Greenspon, lawyer for those in the class action.

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History group opines on street names

STITTSVILLE

Six proposed changes will be discussed on city's behalf

The Goulbourn Township Historical Society plans to provide input to the city of Ottawa on six proposed street name changes in Stittsville.

Historical society president Barbara Bottriell made the commitment at the society's annual general meeting last Saturday, at the conclusion of a discussion about the issue.

The streets which may have their names changed due to duplication with other street names in the city of Ottawa include Walker Road, Bell Street, Goulbourn Street, Elm Crescent, Long Meadow Way and Meadowland Drive.

A prime consideration for the city of Ottawa in determining whether to change a street's name — as opposed to that of a similarly named street — is the number of residents living on it.

Historical relevance of the name of the street is also a consideration.

Three of the street names in Stittsville proposed for renaming have an historical significance.

Walker Road is named after one of the first settlers to the area. Bell Street is named after William Bell, one of Stittsville's 20th-century entrepreneurs.

Goulbourn Street bears the name of Goulbourn township, the municipality in which Stittsville was located prior to the 2001 amalgamation process, which created the current city of Ottawa.

At the historical society's annual general meeting, Ottawa Rideau-Goulbourn ward councillor Scott Moffatt said there have been situations in the past where the name of the street with fewer residents on it has been retained, due to specific local circumstances.

He said community input can have a lot of weight in such decisions, noting that street name changes are not always decided by just how many residents are impacted by a name change.

Historical society president Barbara Bottriell suggested at the meeting that while the Historical Society will be providing input to the city of these proposed street name changes in Stittsville, individual residents are certainly encouraged as well to make submissions about the proposed street name changes.

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Mayor Jim Watson speaks to reporters. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

COUNCIL

City may rename bridge for Keeping

Lucy Scholey
Metro | Ottawa

The City of Ottawa is looking to rename the new Coventry Road pedestrian bridge after the late Max Keeping.

Mayor Jim Watson announced the initiative to honour the late broadcaster and community leader during a council meeting on Wednesday.

It was one of several projects he named in his annual "State of the City" speech, in which he dubbed 2016 the "year of collaboration."

Many shovels will break ground this year, as the city prepares for Canada's 150th anniversary in 2017.

Apart from the party planning, here are some other big things on the city's agenda:

- The city's biggest task will be securing funding for the second phase of light rail transit. If all the money comes through, the city will start the procurement process late this year or early next year.
- The final portion of the Ottawa River clean-up project (the Ottawa River Action Plan) will get underway with the installation of a combined sewage storage tunnel.
- A request for proposal on the central library project will be issued later this year.
- As the city continues designing the Fifth-Clegg pedestrian bridge, construction for the O'Connor and Mackenzie bike lanes will begin.
- Coun. Jody Mitic, the city's sports commissioner, is working on a potential bid to host the 2021 Canada Summer Games.

MAYOR HEADING TO INDIA

Fresh off an economic and tourism mission to Beijing and Bangkok last fall, the mayor announced he will head to India in April.

Lately, there has been a lot of political and business interest in the world's largest democracy. Premier Kathleen Wynne recently left for India on a trade mission, not long after a delegation of Ontario Progressive Conservatives returned. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Toronto Mayor John Tory have also announced similar plans.

"There's clearly a lot of potential for business and economic growth," said Jim Watson. LUCY SCHOLEY/METRO

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Black Sheep dream comes true

BACKSTAGE PASS

Vancouver blues duo plays the 'infamous' venue Friday

Trevor Greenway
Metro | Ottawa

When Shawn Hall arrives in Wakefield this Friday night, he'll be crossing something pretty big off his bucket list: playing a live show at the iconic Black Sheep Inn.

Hall, who goes by the stage name "The Harpoonist," and his rhythmic counterpart Matthew "The Axe Murderer" Rogers may have played to thousands of greasy, gritty, grunting blues fans at festivals and music showcases over the past two summers, but it's the small, intimate shows, in dirty pubs that smell of stale beer and cigarettes that really get this pair up.

"Playing small shows gives you an intimacy like you are in someone's living room and you can have a dialogue with people," says Hall from his home in Vancouver.

"You can have an intimacy and humour and build a lot more of a relationship."

Well, then, Hall, you're in for a hell of a treat. Those who have ventured out to the woods to the Sheep know what I'm talking about. The Sheep is more than just a music venue, a sonic space, a jam juke joint; it's a meeting place for misfits; a polestar for the eccentric; a vehicle for the voracious and she's got plenty of miles on her. Canadian greats Arcade Fire, Cuddy and Keelor, and Buck 65 have all stepped on the gas pedal at the fabled Black Sheep Inn, taking fiery locals on sonic road trips, weekend after weekend after weekend.

The Harpoonist and the Axe Murderer bring their gritty blues pop to Wakefield's Black Sheep Inn. CONTRIBUTED

Hall has heard the "infamous" tales the wicked Wakefield bar has weaved, but he'll get a first-hand glimpse Friday of the Sheep, Wakefield and the people who make it so amazing.

"It's on our bucket list of places to play," adds Hall.

> **Trust is a massive thing, we both know instinctively right off the bat what works and what doesn't. It's intuition.** Shawn "The Harpoonist" Hall

Not anymore. The Harpoonist and the Axe Murderer bring their gritty, blues pop to the Wakefield world Friday night and with it will come a deep, soulful sound that will get in your bones and infect you forever.

If you've heard any of this Vancouver duo's tunes, you may be surprised Friday when you see that singer Hall is a middle-aged white dude. He sounds like an 80-year-old soul singer from the Bayou, his deep, raspy vocals infused with smoke and glass rattle off the mic and hit you right where it counts: deep in the belly, where the cauldron boils. His genius work on the harmonica will have your tympanum pleading for more; your bones aching for more; your mind thirsty for more sonic cider.

Rogers' gritty guitar workings are masterful at worst. I've seen this guy command thousands in just a few scales, festival-goers who barely knew the band's name crashing their way to the front of the stage to get a clear look at where all that racket was coming from. Yeah, just two guys. Underneath Rogers' dirty and raw strings is an underlying groove that's impossible to ignore. It drives the entire tone of the band, creating a '70s soul feel with layers of blues pop carefully, and perfectly, placed over top.

Creating such a great wall sound with just a guitar, harmonica and vocals took years of failure to perfect. Years of exhaustive pedal and distortion work that ultimately led to the duo's vanguarding intuition.

"It takes a while, because we originally started as a folk-blues group and it has taken eight years' worth of experimentation with different pedals, it has been a lot of trial and error," adds Hall.

"Trust is a massive thing, we both know instinctively right off the bat what works and what doesn't. It's intuition. When it's two people, it's very instinctive."

JAN. 29 SHOW

The Harpoonist and the Axe Murderer are playing Friday night at the Black Sheep Inn, where weird is the norm.

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The remains of the 800-megawatt gas-fired power plant in Mississauga — which had its construction cancelled by the then-Liberal government of Ontario, prior to the 2011 election — are shown here. Police have laid criminal charges against two aides to former premier Dalton McGuinty linked with **the deletion of documents related to two cancelled gas plants**. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ex-Liberal staffers due back in court

POLITICS

Two aides of former premier charged with breach of trust

A breach-of-trust and mischief case, against two top aides of a former Ontario premier, began what may be a long journey through the courts on Wednesday.

David Livingston, who was Dalton McGuinty's chief of staff, and Laura Miller, who was the deputy chief of staff, were charged after a police investigation into the deletion of emails about the Liberals' decision to cancel two gas plants prior to the 2011 election, at a cost of up to $1.1 billion.

Police alleged in court documents that Livingston and Miller hired Miller's partner, Peter Faist — a computer expert under contract to the Liberals — who was given a special password by Livingston to wipe clean about 20 hard drives in the premier's office. Both Miller and Livingston have denied the charges.

Fredrick Schumann, a lawyer for Livingston, said outside court that his client is eager for the case to move forward.

"Mr. Livingston and Ms. Miller have had this hanging over their heads now for 2-1/2 years," he said of the lengthy police investigation. "David Livingston, certainly, is looking forward to confronting and answering these allegations in court and, when he does, we're confident that the evidence will show he did nothing wrong."

> **Mr. Livingston and Ms. Miller have had this hanging over their heads now for 2-1/2 years.**
> Lawyer Fredrick Schumann

Lawyers for Livingston and Miller appeared at the court hearing on their behalf. The next appearance has been set for Feb. 24, when the lawyers are expected to schedule a judicial pre-trial — a closed-door meeting between a judge and the lawyers. The federal prosecution service was brought in to try the case instead of Ontario's Ministry of the Attorney General. Richard Roy, the Quebec-based federal prosecutor, said he expects the preliminary inquiry will be "longer than usual."

Some of the Crown's evidence was disclosed to the defence lawyers Wednesday, but Schumann flagged some missing items. He said it was somewhat surprising to find items missing after a 2-1/2-year investigation.

Miller has hired high-profile lawyer Clayton Ruby to defend her. His co-counsel, Annamaria Enenajor, said she had nothing to add to a statement that Miller released when the charges were laid in December.

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LEGISLATION

Cyclist protests over illegally parked truck

Emma Jackson
Metro | Ottawa

A cyclist took a stand Wednesday after one too many delivery trucks parked in his path. Kevin O'Donnell was biking to work down Laurier Avenue when he was blocked by a Shred-It van parked in a no-stopping tow-away zone.

Usually O'Donnell would go around without much more than a pointed tweet. But this time, he said, enough was enough.

"I chose to protest that truck and what it was doing," O'Donnell said.

He stood with his bike behind the truck's back wheel, taking up the remaining part of the lane and forcing cars to drive around him. The protest lasted about 15 minutes, until the truck driver came back and drove away.

But in the meantime, two police officers and a city worker showed up — not to ticket or tow the illegally parked truck, O'Donnell said, but to ask O'Donnell to stop blocking traffic. The truck did receive a warning, police said.

> **The city has a blind spot to the daily frustrations of pedestrians and cyclists.**
> Kevin O'Donnell

Shred-It couldn't be reached for comment. The situation highlights the double standard that exists when it comes to supporting all modes of transportation, O'Donnell said. "Cars have primary use of everything at all times, and damn the consequences," he said. "The city has a blind spot to the daily frustrations of pedestrians and cyclists."

O'Donnell didn't engage the truck driver, he said, because the driver was just doing what "car culture" tells him to do.

O'Donnell said he wants a higher fine for illegally parking in a bike lane or a no-parking zone, so delivery trucks can't afford to break the law.

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HEALTH

Athlete learns of rare genetic mutation by woman's call

Canadian hurdler Priscilla Lopes-Schliep can't forget the phone call. A woman from Iowa rang her up and claimed they might share a rare genetic condition.

Lopes-Schliep still recalls that Sunday in February 2014 when the caller said, "I looked you up on the Internet and I saw pictures of you."

That caller, Jill Viles, 41, has spindly arms and legs and needs a motorized scooter to get around because her muscles are too weak.

Lopes-Schliep, on the other hand, has powerful muscles all over her body. The 33-year-old former hurdler won an Olympic bronze medal in 2008.

What rare condition could they possibly share?

What triggered the call was a picture of Lopes-Schliep in her running gear, showing her powerful build. The photo was noticed by Viles' sister and set in motion the unlikely events that would tie Viles and Lopes-Schliep together.

For years, Viles pushed doctors and researchers for answers to her health problems. Viles suspected she might have lipodystrophy, a rare genetic disorder, characterized by fat accumulating in the neck, face and pelvic areas.

She had already been diagnosed with a rare gene mutation-related ailment, Emery-Dreifuss muscular dystrophy, which causes extreme muscle weakness and joint stiffening.

During the phone conversation on Feb. 2, 2014, the two shared their histories — similar stories about being teased about their veins while growing up, the loss of body fat. Lopes-Schliep's interest was piqued.

The two women would meet the following April at the Westin Harbour Castle hotel in Toronto. They spent the afternoon together, with Viles' mother and Lopes-Schliep's young daughters in tow.

Then came a big ask: Viles wanted Lopes-Schliep to get tested for the suspected mutation.

The runner says she didn't feel pressured and agreed because "sometimes you have a feeling in your gut."

Later that year, Viles tracked down Dr. Abhimanyu Garg, a professor of internal medicine and metabolic disease at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Garg, a leading expert in lipodystrophy, agreed to conduct genetic screening to check for the condition.

The tests confirmed both Viles and Lopes-Schliep have lipodystrophy.

The discovery of the genetic link the women share is credited for saving Lopes-Schliep from a pancreatitis attack due to her condition. Garg called Lopes-Schliep to warn her she was on the verge of a pancreatitis attack because of the high level of fat in her blood, a symptom of lipodystrophy.

"My jaw dropped," the runner says. That's because her cousin had a pancreatitis attack about a year earlier and spent almost two weeks in hospital, much of that time being fed through a tube.

Lopes-Schliep says she's eternally grateful that Viles had the courage to reach out. As Viles sums it up: "It's been an amazing journey." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

1 Former Canadian Olympic hurdler and bronze-medal winner Priscilla Lopes-Schliep has something in common with Iowa mom Jill Viles: different mutations on the same gene. CONTRIBUTED **2** Viles with son Martin. CONTRIBUTED **3** Lopes-Schliep competes during the 60-metre hurdles race in Sherbrooke, Que., in 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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LGBTQ ISSUES

U of A adds third gender option

Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Students applying to the University of Alberta will soon have another option beyond male and female when disclosing their gender: "Another/prefer not to disclose."

"It makes the point to really say, 'We include you,'" said Cody Bondarchuk, with the student union, who campaigned on the issue when he ran for student office last year. "Talking to the students who felt like they didn't feel included was really heartbreaking."

Bondarchuk KEVIN TUONG/ FOR METRO

Bondarchuk said that while gender data is useful for demographics, students shouldn't have to disclose if they don't want to — and the change is part of a larger move to make non-binary students feel more welcome.

At this point the new, third option appears only on the paper form, so university staff can input data manually and override the gender settings.

Acting associate registrar Norma Rodenburg said this is the first step in changing the way the university organizes its records. Gender is currently used to search student records and prevent things like duplicate profiles, which has made it difficult to remove it entirely, she said.

"But the longer goal is changing our reliance on the data points that we're using to manage our records."

Rodenburg said they've had calls from potential applicants concerned about having to tick a box based on the gender binary. "That's a problem," she said.

DISCRIMINATION

Tories skirted UN refugee rules

Released documents paint the clearest picture to date of how the Conservatives' controversial approach to Syrian refugee resettlement played out last year.

The prior government had originally committed to take in just 1,300 Syrian refugees. Former prime minister Stephen Harper had been under intense pressure to increase that total, but only agreed to accept 10,000 more, provided that religious and ethnic minorities were prioritized.

The policy was contentious. The vast majority of the refugees are Muslim. The decision to hone in on "religious minorities" prompted allegations the government was biased against Muslims and was violating UN principles of refugee resettlement.

The refugees Canada accepts for resettlement are chosen by the UN. They do not use ethnicity or religion as a basis for determining whether someone requires resettlement.

But documents tabled in the House of Commons this week show a workaround. Visa officers were instructed to track "areas of focus" for refugees, including whether someone was a member of a vulnerable ethnic or religious minority, the documents say.

They applied that criteria to the files they received from the UN. "Cases meeting at least one of the areas of focus were identified for expedited processing," the documents say. "Cases that did not meet the areas of focus were included in the mission's inventory and processed as a regular case." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Trump still holds the cards

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Debate snub ensures all eyes remain on GOP frontrunner

Once again, Donald Trump steals the show.

The billionaire Republican's decision to tangle with Fox News and skip the final presidential debate before Iowa's kickoff caucuses all but ensures that he — and he alone — will dominate the conversation in the closing moments of campaigning in 2016's leadoff state.

It's a move that for any other candidate would probably be viewed as unpresidential. But for Trump, it's more likely to serve as fresh evidence that he's successfully redefining the art of presidential politics.

Instead of appearing on the debate stage Thursday night, Trump said he will host an event at the same time to raise money for wounded veterans.

The move puts the other seven Republican participants in an awkward position. Attack the party's absentee front-runner and provide him with even more attention? Or ignore him, and leave voters wondering what they think of the national Republican front-runner's hardball play just days before the Feb. 1 caucus?

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, left, and Fox News Channel host and moderator Megyn Kelly are pictured. Trump isn't backing down from his threat to boycott Thursday night's GOP debate after calling Kelly a "lightweight" and biased. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"I think, you know, the media's been handled by him," said New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, one of Trump's rivals for the Republican nomination. "Folks have allowed him to do things that no other candidate's ever been allowed to do in American presidential history."

Trump's presidential run has been defined by such moments. He's questioned whether Arizona Sen. John McCain is worthy of being called a war hero, graphically criticized Fox News anchor Megyn Kelly and unveiled a widely condemned plan to bar Muslims from the United States.

> **At the end of the day, Mr. Trump is going to have the last laugh.**
> Corey Lewandowski, campaign manager

Each led his rivals, political professionals and pundits to predict his undoing. But instead, Trump has maintained his support in the preference polls he loves to tout — a reflection of his ability to capture the feelings of a Republican electorate deeply skeptical of the party's establishment and of the country's news organizations.

"Every candidate has the right to decide not to participate in a sanctioned debate," said Steve Duprey, the official in charge of the Republican National Committee's debate efforts. "Time will tell whether this works to his benefit or hurts his campaign." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOCIAL MEDIA

Matador sparks outrage

A Spanish bullfighter took his five-month-old daughter into the ring with a charging bull just six months after he was "gored" while performing and nearly 22 years after his father died from bullfighting injuries.

Francisco Rivera Ordonez's daughter, Carmen, was born on Aug. 19. Just ten days earlier, her father was hospitalized after being "gored in the groin by a bull" on Aug. 11.

The Ombudsman of Andalusia referred the image, posted to Ordonez's Instagram account, to Spanish prosecutors.

The image initially provoked furor on social media, lead by animal activists such as comedian Ricky Gervais, who tweeted: "Mental, dangerous & cruel. With or without a baby."

Ordonez followed the original message, which spoke of Carmen's "debut", with a post apparently showing him in his father's arms in front of a charging bull, alongside the caption: "History repeats itself." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TERRORISM

Suicide bombers kill 9 in Nigerian market

Five female suicide bombers exploded in the Chibok hometown of Nigeria's kidnapped schoolgirls on Wednesday, killing nine people and wounding 32, witnesses said.

Soldiers were searching the northeastern town late Wednesday for two other women seen with the bombers and also suspected to be strapped with explosives, according to teacher Emmanuel Cosmos.

A man at the scene said the blasts with shrapnel zapping through the air began when soldiers stopped a young women covered in a hijab for a routine search at the entrance to the open-air, roadside vegetable market in the northeast Nigerian town. She blew herself up. Then three women already inside the market exploded in quick succession. Another blast occurred at a military checkpoint at the entrance to Chibok, according to witnesses and community leader Tsambo Hosea Abana. He said relatives called him in Abuja, Nigeria's capital, to tell him that his niece and uncle are among the wounded.

Residents blamed Boko Haram, the Islamic extremist group that kidnapped nearly 300 Chibok schoolgirls in April 2014. Dozens escaped but 219 remain missing. Chibok is a Christian enclave in Nigeria's predominantly Muslim north.
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Mothers of missing girls kidnapped from their school in Chibok, react during a rally in Abuja. PHILIP OJISUA/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

IN BRIEF

Prosecutors: Marathon bomber remorseless

Prosecutors allege in newly released court documents that Boston Marathon bomber Dzhokhar Tsarnaev showed "the opposite of remorse".

Tsarnaev was convicted last year and sentenced to death for his role in an attack that killed three people and injured more than 260. At his sentencing hearing, he said he was sorry for the lives he took and the suffering he caused. But in documents released Wednesday, prosecutors say Tsarnaev made remorseless statements to two FBI agents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Italian minister criticizes censorship of statues

Italy's culture minister has called the decision to cover up naked statues at a Rome museum where Iranian President Hassan Rouhani was visiting "incomprehensible."

The cover-up involved the placement of several wooden panels to shield nude statues at Rome's Capitoline Museums. The measures prompted some politicians to accuse the government of caving into "cultural submission."
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Clothing retailers in crisis

APPAREL

International competitors take up 'huge market space'

Le Château has become a penny stock, Reitmans is trading at less than $4 and Danier Leather at $1.35, signalling a lack of confidence in Canada's few remaining publicly-traded apparel retailers.

"It isn't a big club in Canada, that's for sure, and it's a shrinking club," said Phil Lichtsztal, partner and lead of the Retail Consulting Services Group at Richter LLP. "If we look back over the past 20-30 years, there is no question that these domestic retailers are very heavily challenged with the entry of international competitors, like Zara, H&M and Forever 21, which have taken up huge market space and share in very little time."

On the horizon loom new competitors: Nordstrom, Simons and Japanese retailer Uniqlo.

High household debt levels, a wrenching drop in the price of oil and the value of the Canadian dollar and the increasing — and unpredictable — growth of online shopping are taking a toll.

Online shopping in November and December increased 20 per cent this year over last, according to data from MasterCard. But it still represented only 9.84 per cent of total retail sales during the period.

"With every device quickly becoming a commerce device, we predict the growth of online shopping to continue at this pace," said Sarah Quinlan, Senior Vice President, Market Insights for MasterCard Advisors.

Canadian retailers have been late to the game with online shopping, said Lichtsztal.

Canadian retailers need to be more innovative, said Mark Lee, a professor at Ted Rogers School of Retail Management. "Internationally, Canadian brands aren't as strong as others in the world. No one is jumping on a plane to buy at Le Château, or Holt Renfrew."

A big problem with some retailers is sameness of product, said Lichtsztal.

"If you're selling the same-old, same-old, in terms of experience and same-old, same-old in terms of product, that is not a good mix."

The good news, for troubled Canadian retailers, is that the line-up of U.S. retailers trying to get into the market has vanished in the wake of Target's failure.

> **It isn't a big club in Canada, that's for sure, and it's a shrinking club.**
> Phil Lichtsztal

However, some Canadian retailers with a sharper focus — including upscale fashion retailer Artizia, athletics wear company Lululemon and value fashion retailer Dynamite — are performing well.

Outlet malls are also doing brisk business, said Lichtsztal.

Retail consultant Wendy Evans said Roots is an example of a Canadian retailer that has met with success at home and abroad by building a niche.

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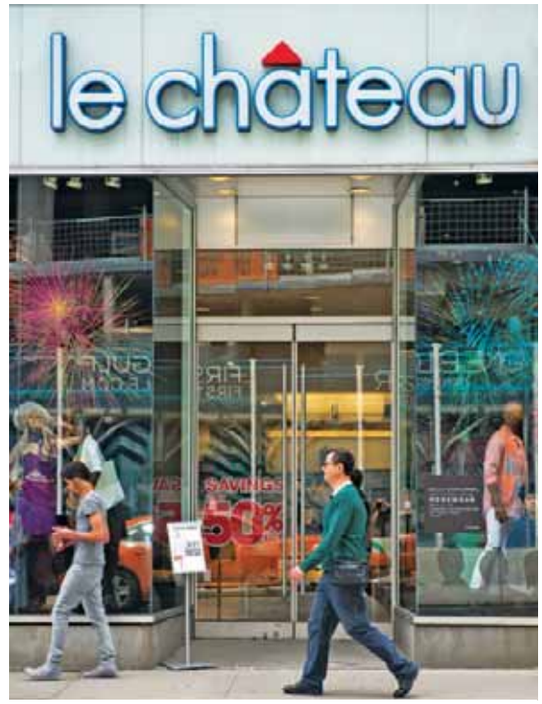

Pedestrians walk by a Le Château store in Toronto.
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VIRTUAL CURRENCY

Banks eyeing Bitcoin

The virtual currency Bitcoin has earned a reputation as a plaything for libertarians or a tool used to covertly buy drugs on the Internet.

But more recently the technology underlying the currency — referred to as "blockchain" or "distributed ledger" technology — is being touted as the next big thing poised to transform the financial services industry.

In order to prevent themselves from being blindsided, Canadian banks are jumping on board, exploring ways the technology can help streamline their processes.

Although Bitcoin was first perceived as a disruptive threat to the banks, creating the opportunity for customers to transfer money between each other directly, the technology that underpins it now promises to improve the banking experience in a number of areas, including cross-border transactions.

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RIDESHARING

Edmonton the first city to legalize Uber

Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

After a marathon debate, councillors have passed a bylaw that will make Uber legal in Edmonton, making it the first city in Canada to legalize the ride-sharing service.

In an eight to four vote, council passed a new bylaw that would allow Uber — or any other ride-sharing firm — to operate legally, provided they have sufficient insurance and register with the city.

Councillors Dave Loken, Brian Anderson, Tony Caterina and Mike Nickel were those opposed.

Loken said the company's illegal operations for more than a year made it feel like council was rewarding bad behaviour.

"They have been obstinate. They have completely ignored our laws. They have continued to operate without regard to what we're trying to do here," he said.

Mayor Don Iveson said the bylaw was a step forward, even if it wasn't perfect.

"It enables innovation rather than constrains it. It enables competition rather than constrains it," he said.

"More choice is good for Edmontonians."

UNIVERSITIES

Loonie hits libraries

Students and faculty at some of Canada's post-secondary schools may soon have a tougher time doing research because the low loonie is forcing libraries to rethink what journals and books they stock.

Journal subscriptions are often priced in U.S. dollars. When the loonie started dropping, the University of British Columbia library cancelled about $1.2 million worth of journal subscriptions.

The University of Ottawa library received a $500,000 budget top-up, but still had to trim more than $560,000 in serials and database costs.

The loonie is only part of a bigger problem: the quick pace at which academic journal prices tend to rise.

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AUTO SAFETY

Exploding airbag possibly killed another driver

The driver of a 2007 Honda Civic died last year in India, according to Takata documents posted Wednesday by the U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. An inflator exploded in the crash, but authorities in India have not determined the cause of death, the documents said. If the inflator was the cause, it would be the 11th person killed worldwide by Takata air bags. But Honda spokesman Chris Martin says Indian authorities found that other injuries from a high-speed crash were the most likely cause of the driver's death.

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JOHN HONDERICH ON POSTMEDIA'S PAUL GODFREY

Let him make his case about the state of the industry. And let him attack (Torstar). But get your facts right, Paul. That's the least we should expect from the CEO of a newspaper chain.

There you go again, Paul.

Trifling with the truth about the newspaper industry.

Paul, of course, is Paul Godfrey, CEO of Postmedia, the newspaper chain that just announced the merger of newsrooms in Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Ottawa and the laying-off of 90 more staff.

The move has sparked a firestorm of criticism and Godfrey seems to be out on a speaking blitz arguing his case. One of the major bones of contention has been the virtual control of the company by New York hedge funds, Golden Tree in particular.

Godfrey spoke Monday to the C.D. Howe Institute and has given separate interviews.

There is one major point he has been emphasizing, to what end is not clear. Here's how he put it.

"If it wasn't for Golden Tree Asset Management, this chain may not be in existence today, because there were no Canadians who stepped up to buy (the papers).… People should be happy that at least somebody (bought) the newspapers and kept a lot of people employed."

Really, Paul?

What he is referring to is the process in 2010 when a bankrupt CanWest was forced to put its big city newspapers on the trading block.

The New York hedge funds, with Godfrey as their front, eventually won the day.

Were there any Canadian bidders? You bet.

How about Torstar, of which I am the Chair of the Board? And we are Canadian.

We submitted a bid of approximately $800 million and in fact, we announced so publicly on May 3, 2010.

I did a Google search and there were at least 20 stories in the Globe, Marketing Magazine, Canoe, J-Source, and the Star about our bid. It was public knowledge.

One of (Godfrey's) major bones of contention has been the virtual control of the company by New York hedge funds.

And how about Birch Hill Equity Partners, another Canadian firm?

Led by David Samuel and involving former Osprey owner and longtime newspaper proprietor Michael Sifton, Birch Hill also put in a bid. Again, everyone in the process knew about this.

So where were you, Paul?

And what about those subsequent chats you and I have had about that process and what unfolded? Have you forgotten?

And while we're at it, what about your bald statement that Golden Tree is only an equity player and not involved in the company's staggering debt?

Postmedia's own Management Information Circular, posted on its website, states clearly, "Golden Tree and certain investment funds to which it serves as an investment adviser own Variable Voting Shares and a portion of the first-lien (debt) and second-lien (debt.)"

Seems pretty clear to me.

In the same speech, Godfrey attacks the Star's tablet initiative, which is entirely his prerogative. And let him make his case about the state of the industry. And let him attack us.

But get your facts right, Paul. I think that's the least we should expect from the CEO of a newspaper chain.

John Honderich is a former publisher of the Toronto Star. He is chair of Torstar's board of directors.

THE MICROTREND: XO Canada

How you swap spit may have more to do with your postal code than your partner's preferences. According to a new survey, the way Canadians kiss varies widely from province to province. British Columbians are three times more likely than average to go for a long kiss, and Albertans are most willing to dump a bad kisser (22 per cent would, versus 17 per cent of their B.C. neighbours). And — quelle surprise! — Quebecers love French kissing most of all. Forty-seven per cent said they prefer tongue, while only 24 per cent of chaste Maritimers do; the Canadian average is 38 per cent. (It should be said that the study smacks of self-interest: It was done by a company that makes cosmetic lip filler). However, it is true that kissing is cultural: A 2015 study of 168 ethnic groups around the world found that, far from being universal, only 46 per cent practiced romantic kissing at all. If you're one of those who is not interested in kissing for the purposes of love, perhaps you could get into it for the immune challenge: You impart an average of 80 million bacteria to your partner with every smooch. SOURCE: EMERVEL

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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This may be the worst January ever, but soon it will be dead.

I have a friend who, if she had to pick a last meal, would pick a dinner party.

There would be several courses and kinds of cheese, and a signature cocktail — something stiff nicknamed "The Reckoning" or "Denouement."

Only a handful of things (outside actually dying) could keep her from attending a dinner party, but January is on the list. This January, in particular.

She didn't concoct an excuse. She just wasn't feeling like herself, hadn't been for a few weeks, and thought it best to hide in a hole until it passed.

I might have been more alarmed if that didn't sound just like January, this particular January, to suck your own sense of self right out of you.

Just a few days earlier, another friend for whom crying is decidedly out of character — akin to humility on Donald Trump — admitted she burst into tears in public. In a café. Sitting at the bar as the baristas pulled espressos, "crying in their faces."

I can't remember a January feeling quite this bad. Yes, it is a notoriously terrible month. Last week we hit the saddest Monday of the year — a title with little scientific merit, but seized nonetheless by public officials holding open houses on seasonal affective disorder.

January's also dubbed divorce season, and new research from one U.K. law firm suggests that's because couples hold out over December to avoid ruining the holidays. Another friend who works in investment management noted a lot of clients tend to die in January, having similarly fought through the end of the year. That might also explain why obituaries of famous people have been headlining newscasts for weeks.

My sample size for those currently suffering from worst-January-ever is admittedly small, female, and early 30s. So maybe it's about being at an age when you feel you should be a fully formed human with a fertility plan and topped-up RRSP, so what are these emotional diapers doing here?

Never mind, January. I'm onto you. You can drape dull, shapeless clouds over grey skylines. You can sink us into unending evening blackness and strip away the little greenery left in the city. You can soak the west in daily rain till even bones feel damp, and leave us all with the sense that we'll never be all that we can be in 2016, even if we joined the army.

But in just a few days, you'll be dead, January. And eventually, so will winter. And even if we have to hide in a hole until it passes, we're going to feel like ourselves again. Soon.

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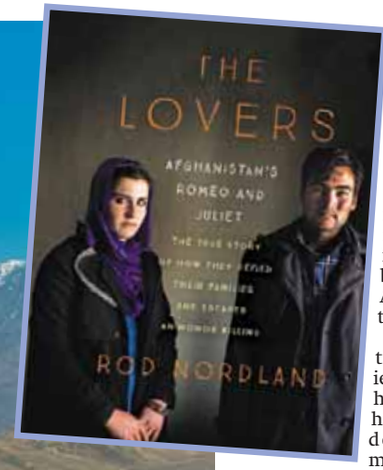

The Hindu Kush region on the outskirts of Kabul offers few hiding spots for Afghan lovers on the lam. MANJUNATH KIRAN/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Rod Nordland, international correspondent at large for the New York Times, thinks Canada would be the very best place for Afghanistan's Romeo and Juliet.

The veteran journalist was Kabul bureau chief for the NYT in March 2014 when he first wrote about Zakia, then 18, and Ali, 21, the young Afghan couple who risked all for love. Norland's story about the defiant lovers who went into hiding to escape death threats from Zakia's family, captivated readers around the world. The American newsman wrote more than a half dozen follow-up stories about the star-crossed pair over the next year.

So why revisit their story in book form now, Nordland was asked in a phone interview from New York on Tuesday, the day of the launch of The Lovers (HarperCollins, $33.50).

"There was no way I could do justice to it through newspaper stories," he says. "It was just very liberating to be able to say everything I thought there was to say about not just their story but the lessons that their experiences have for women in general in Afghanistan."

He hopes the book, subtitled The True Story of How They Defied Their Families and Escaped an Honor Killing, will garner so much attention that it will inspire or shame someone in authority to help the couple who are still holed up in Afghanistan; someone in a Western government who would be willing to bend the rules a bit to give Zakia and Ali asylum.

If we turn our backs on them, they won't have any hope at all.

Rod Nordland, author of The Lovers, says of Afghanistan's women

Canada's new government has made Nordland hopeful of what he calls his "best-case scenario" for Zakia and Ali. "In the United States, we say to a refugee, OK, after we finally let you in after years and years, now we're just going to let you sink or swim, you know it's up to you," he says. "Whereas Canada gives people more of a safety net and literacy training and language training that this couple very much needs."

Nordland brings Zakia and Ali's romance vividly to life — it's easy to fall under the spell of the impetuous yet devoted couple.

But he moves The Lovers beyond that narrow narrative to locate their love story in the harrowing reality of what it means to be female in Afghanistan today.

"Some of those stories are pretty horrifying," he says. "It doesn't get much worse than the story of Brishna, the 10-year-old raped by her mullah [a religious leader]. Her family tried to arrange to marry her [to her rapist] and was supported by the president of the country."

Though Nordland admits he's felt at times that there is nothing anyone will ever be able to do about the situation in Afghanistan, he adds that we can't just say a pox on all their houses.

"There are women in Afghanistan whose expectations of a better life and freedom from this patriarchal terrorism they live under have been raised. They really do have a lot of hope for the future. If we turn our backs on them, they won't have any hope at all. In the end, as discouraging as the whole picture is, we need to try to do something about it."

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The vision of Kubrick

Taschen's The Making of Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey reveals the breadth of Kubrick's artful obsession, announcing its epic intentions even before you read a single word of it. The pages fold out to reveal the full breadth of Kubrick's artful obsession. It's a book of beauty about a film of wonder and fear. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Aries over Clavius: Moon base

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Artist Roy Carnon's 1965 storyboard pastels of the Aries ferry landing at moon base Clavius look a lot like the corresponding scene from Stanley Kubrick's 2001: A Space Odyssey and also like the 1969 first lunar landing by Apollo 11. The Aries lander in 2001, now an iconic cinema spacecraft, was considerably more curved than the spindly Eagle which actually touched down on the moon.

Shooting, with the crew, in sterile futuristic interiors

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Nothing is out of place, apart from raised eyebrows, in the scene aboard the space station where tip-lipped Dr. Heywood Floyd (William Sylvester), head of the U.S. National Council of Astronautics, is grilled by Russian friends about mysterious rumours concerning the Clavius moon base. As this 1966 production photo shows, the shoot was controlled chaos, with Kubrick in the thick of it, seated top centre in a blue suit.

Concept artworks of Discovery's main control area

Pages 104-105
Concept art of life inside the Jupiter-bound spacecraft Discovery shows how visionary Kubrick and his team were in designing 2001. The computers and other space gear look as futuristic today as they did upon the film's release in 1968, but also entirely practical. Kubrick ordered the actors to bend and crouch like Apollo astronauts, to imitate zero-gravity living in tight quarters.

Test photo of man-ape trio silhouetted

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Long before the dawn of computer-generated images in movies, Kubrick was exploring the use of multiple projectors to achieve the artificial reality of composite photo effects. For 2001, he pioneered a front-projection system used for the Dawn of Man sequence, setting ape-like creatures — actually actors in ape suits — against exotic location footage on a background projection plane, like this test photo in the yellow light of dusk.

Heather in costume and with Honeywell 'computer'

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Back-of-seat film viewing is commonplace for today's air travellers, but the stuff of sci-fi in 1968 when 2001 premiered. But Kubrick and his designer once again accurately foresaw the future, with actress Heather Downham, playing a flight attendant aboard the space shuttle Orion, demonstrating how the screen worked. Another actress shows how much the concept of "portable" computers has changed since '68 — you'd need a very large lap to handle this briefcase computer designed for the film by Honeywell.

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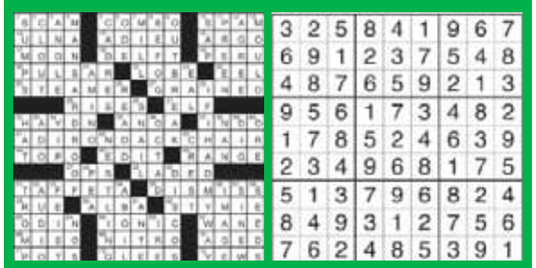

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ARCHIVES

Lost Beatrix Potter set to be published

A newly discovered story written more than a century ago by the cherished British children's author Beatrix Potter will be published in September, Penguin Random House announced Tuesday.

The Tale of Kitty-In-Boots, a story about a black cat that leads a double life, was found two years ago by Penguin Random House publisher Jo Hanks.

Potter is best known for The Tale of Peter Rabbit, which has sold 45 million copies and been translated into 36 languages. The publication of the newly-uncovered tale forms part of this year's celebrations marking the 150th anniversary of her birth.

Hanks found a reference to the story in an out-of-print literary history of the author.

Hanks delved into the Potter archives held at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and discovered the 1914 manuscript.
AFP

BOOK BRIEF

The Lie Tree wins Costa Book of the Year
The Lie Tree, a Victorian mystery for young readers, has won Britain's Costa Book of the Year prize — a rare triumph for youth fiction at a major literary prize.

Author Frances Hardinge said she was surprised and delighted to receive the $50,000 prize Tuesday night. She said that "sometimes children's fiction is seen as a bit lightweight, in a way that I think is not deserved."

Open to writers form Britain and Ireland, the prize selects a champion from winners in five categories: novel, first novel, biography, poetry and children's book.

Hardinge beat Kate Atkinson's wartime novel A God in Ruins; Andrew Michael Hurley's debut horror novel The Loney; Andrea Wulf's biography of scientist Alexander Von Humboldt The Invention of Nature; and poet Don Paterson's 40 Sonnets.
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Freewheeling dreams of a 1960s Halifax man

THE MOTORCYCLIST

George Elliott Clarke pens book inspired by father's diary

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada

George Elliott Clarke says it wasn't until his father died and bequeathed him his diary that he had an understanding of the man. CONTRIBUTED

When George Elliott Clarke's father died in August 2005, the loss hit him harder than he ever imagined. Their relationship had been strained and, like many children, Clarke never felt he really understood who his dad was.

So when his dad bequeathed him his diary, Clarke found an opportunity to get to know his parent in a real way. But it took the Toronto author and poet many months before he felt emotionally ready to open the journal, which covered 1959, the year Clarke was conceived.

Therein he discovered a father he had never known — a self-taught artist who loved women and his motorcycle in equal measure, trying to make the best of his life living in economically depressed and racially tense Halifax.

Most importantly, Clarke discovered a man "who was vulnerable, uncertain about himself and indecisive," completely dissimilar to the overly confident father with whom he would constantly argue.

This young man would form the core of Carl Black, the lady-killer protagonist in Clarke's new novel, The Motorcyclist, published by HarperCollins.

Clarke, who was recently appointed the Canadian Parliamentary Poet Laureate, is the most prolific and well-regarded documenter of the East Coast Africadian community. His 2001 poetry collection, Execution Poems — about his cousins, who were hanged in 1949 for the murder of a New Brunswick taxi driver — won the Governor General's Literary Award and introduced many readers outside of Atlantic Canada to an often overlooked black history. (Clarke later adapted their story into the novel, George and Rue.)

About 13 years ago, Clarke says he changed his creative process by reading his words aloud while writing. For The Motorcyclist, which pounds like a drum or the revving of an engine, Clarke recited each sentence, often twice, trying to "figure out the cadence, rhythm and musicality of a line."

The biggest challenge in writing the book, says Clarke, was getting some distance from his dad's story.

He imagined what it must have been like to be part of the "On the Road generation" — immersed in the freewheeling beatnik spirit of Allen Ginsberg or Jack Kerouac, but remaining confined by geography and economic realities. His father's generation came of age just before the advent of the pill, where sexual experimentation meant the risk of unwanted pregnancies, and, often worse, marriages.

"How did those aspirations for greater freedom or liberty translate into the milieu of the Maritimes?" asks Clarke. "These were relatively small cities and folks, who may not have travelled very much or had much education, which was certainly true of the black community."

While much of Carl's journey comes from his father's life, Clarke says he is a composite character made up of the experiences of young Nova Scotian men of the era. "Carl became a way for me to explore a well-read young man with an interest in the wider world," says Clarke, "and how he navigated the somewhat narrower byways and highways of Halifax and Nova Scotia."

Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.

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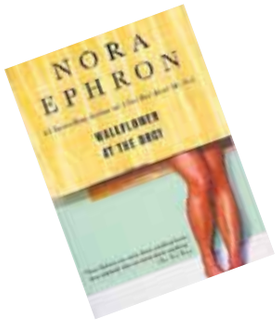
Dunham's top 3 reads

READING LIST

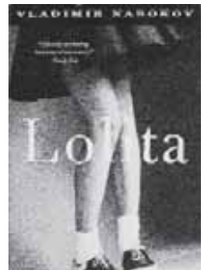
Girls' creator recommends

Lena Dunham, Emmy and Golden Globe-winning creator of HBO's Girls (Season 6 launches April 24) tells us about three books that have influenced her.

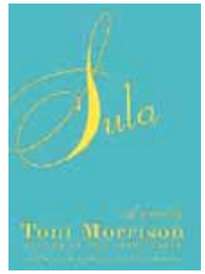
Writer and creator of Girls talks about her favourite books. GETTY IMAGES



1 Wallflower at the Orgy by Nora Ephron
They're beautiful, funny personal essays that are really important to women and also great journalism. So it's a huge one for me. I dedicated my own book to Nora. She was a close friend of mine and obviously a huge influence to me and to everyone who was lucky enough to meet her. She was so supportive of me writing my own book, Not That Kind of Girl: A Young Woman Tells You What She's Learned.



2 Lolita by Vladimir Nabokov
It's just a beautiful, important novel, although it's previously been wrapped up in scandal. But when you read it, it's got a very strong morality to it. And in a lot of ways it sides with this young female character, Dolores Haze, despite being narrated by a man, and that's an unusual perspective. It still feels really modern because the use of its language feels modern and the story is fascinating.



3 Sula by Toni Morrison
It's another that is a big deal for me. I loved the book and the way that it explored relationships between women and issues of identity for women. And it was just really influential to me in my teenage years. I'd suggest that anyone would benefit and be entertained by reading these three books.

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

The personal side of international affairs

THE SHOW: Madam Secretary, Season 2, Episode 12 (CBS/Global)
THE MOMENT: The Incisors

U.S. Secretary of State Elizabeth McCord (the fabulous Téa Leoni) is trying to leave the office. Her chief of staff Nadine (Bebe Neuwirth) stops her. "I'll be going with you to Myanmar tomorrow instead of Jake," Nadine says.

"Okay. Everything all right?" Elizabeth asks.

"I just thought he could use a break," Nadine says. "The baby's teething. Incisors." Both women wince.

"Those are the tough ones," Elizabeth says. "What's the real reason?" Nadine takes a breath.

"I recently found out my son is there," she says.

"Your son?" Elizabeth asks, surprised.

"From a brief affair when I was touring Europe with a dance troupe," Nadine explains.

"Dance troupe?" Elizabeth asks.

Leoni and Neuwirth in Madam Secretary. CONTRIBUTED

"Before law school," Nadine replies.

"You and I really should have gone out for a drink at some point," Elizabeth says.

This is why I watch this show. Yeah, yeah, it's about international events — ambassador trade agreement embargo diplomacy blah blah. What it's really about is how women navigate their careers/personal lives.

Elizabeth is a diplomat — but aren't we all, when it comes to massaging bosses' egos, managing underlings and trying to keep our families from resenting us too much. Women in power talk about teething. Right on.

After this, we cut to Elizabeth at home, lugging a suitcase down her stairs in heels, while her husband and daughters sit a metre away at the breakfast table, immersed in their phones.

"Okay, I'm off to the treaty signing in Myanmar!" Elizabeth trills. No one even looks up. Every working mother has played that scene.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

THE 100

Sci-fi series breaking TV rules

Based originally on the trilogy penned by Kass Morgan, the apocalyptic series follows 100 delinquent minors from a space colony low on resources who travel to a nuclear-riddled Earth to see if it is habitable. A Lord of the Flies-inspired social experiment ensues as the teens learn to navigate the land and fend off attacks from those who made a home there after the thermonuclear cataclysm.

Since its 2014 premiere, Vancouver-shot series The 100 has strayed far from the original source material, creating a world in which LGBTQ and female role models shine through unlike few other shows on television.

Here's a look at how the CW series, also available on Netflix Canada, is poised to continue breaking boundaries and offering up strong social commentary in its just debuted third season.

Actors Eliza Taylor, Marie Avgeropoulos and Adina Porter star in the CW sci-fi series The 100. RICHARD SHOTWELL/INVISION/AP

The LGBTQ characters

In the Season 3 premiere, main character Clarke (Eliza Taylor) is intimate with another female. According to showrunner Jason Rothenberg, that scene was intentionally designed to solidify Clarke as a bisexual character without needing a debate or dialogue about her sexuality as part of the storyline. That silence speaks volumes about accepting gender fluidity and sexuality without explanation.

The female leaders

Having a character the media can describe as a "strong, powerful woman" isn't a new thing; in fact it could be overrated. But having several complex female role models who are respected in their communities, able to interact with each other, battle with the best of the dudes and define their own sexuality certainly is. While there is an equal mix of gender on The 100, it's the women who have saved the day on numerous occasions.

Social commentary

If at their core humans are self-destructive, The 100 doesn't shy away from that belief. History is often repeated on the series, and the pros and cons of ideologies explored, from communism and dictatorships to leaders with the power to expel entire populations. In keeping with the current American political climate, the third season features a Donald Trump-type character with some scary ideas about how to best serve his people, even if it means spreading hate and prejudice for his own gain.

War games

Each season has focused on one particular war with a common enemy, showcasing the strategies and sacrifices involved. Certainly, TV series have taken greater risks with character deaths since Game of Thrones and The Walking Dead, but this show isn't afraid to show what true sacrifice looks like in the name of the greater good. It also showcases the effects of those decisions; if a character is hurt, physically or emotionally, they aren't cured the next week.

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MEET THE CONDO

Wellington condo in the works

Project overview

This summer, Tamarack's new condominium development off of Wellington Street will be ready for occupancy. Construction began in March 2015, and already over 60 per cent of the units have been sold. The six-storey building is the first part of a two-phase project — with the second residential building still in the future.

In the neighbourhood

Wellington Street is the core of the area's eclectic, highly walkable community. The neighbourhood includes all the necessities for shopping and eating out, as well as a range of art galleries, boutiques and destinations such as the Great Canadian Theatre Company. Nearly everything you need is minutes away.

Housing Amenities

The classic urban styled suites include built-in appliances and finishes such as hardwood flooring and quartz countertops. Some of the models will allow owners to customize their units. The site also has a penthouse floor with rooftop terraces, and the building is expected to eventually house a gym and party room.

Location and transit

Just around the corner from Wellington's bustling sidewalks, the condominium's central location means easy access to both the east and west end of Ottawa. Right near the Ottawa Grace Hospital and close to Hwy 417, the site boasts of nearby parks, schools and bus routes.

ILANA REIMER/FOR METRO

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What: Tamarack Wellington condo
Builder: Tamarack
Designer: Barry Hobin
Location: 10 Rosemount Ave.
Building: 52-unit condo building
Sizes: From 518 sq. ft. to 1,200 sq. ft.
Pricing: Starting at $298,900
Suites: One and two bedrooms, with one to two bathrooms and a balcony
Status: Incomplete
Occupancy: Summer 2016
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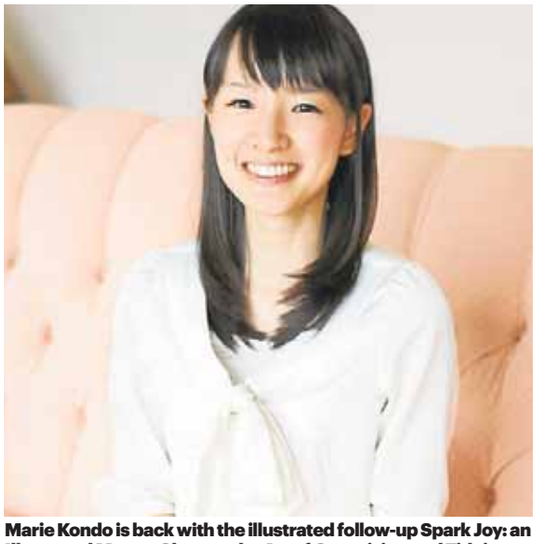

Marie Kondo is back with the illustrated follow-up Spark Joy: an Illustrated Master Class on the Art of Organizing and Tidying Up. NATSUNO ICHIGO/TEN SPEED PRESS

SPARK JOY

Marie Kondo strives for 'world peace'

Author of the international best-seller The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up (Ten Speed Press, 2014), Kondo became famous for advising readers how to transform their lives by sifting through their belongings one by one, embracing those that "spark joy" and bidding a fond but hasty farewell to the rest.

Her new book, Spark Joy: an Illustrated Master Class on the Art of Organizing and Tidying Up (Ten Speed), provides illustrations and more detail.

"After I published my first book, a lot of readers came with a lot of questions," the petite, soft-spoken Kondo said in Japanese, after a presentation to a packed auditorium at the Japan Society in New York.

She also has a fresh perspective as a new mother.

"My daughter is only six months old, so my method hasn't changed ... She cannot make a mess yet. What has surprised me most is the amount of stuff a baby needs," Kondo said, sitting primly at the edge of her seat.

With an understated sense of humour, she notes in her new book that one of the people with whom she has had to share her storage methods is her new husband, himself so minimalist that he moved in with only four cardboard boxes of belongings.

"I am learning that unspoken family rules differ from one household to another, and that storage methods I had assumed were obvious need to be properly shared and explained," she writes.

Kondo's earlier book had no illustrations; Spark Joy is full of her charming, child-like drawings of everything from organized kitchen cupboards, to folding techniques for clothes ranging from underwear to frilly blouses to hoodies.

Spark Joy includes advice on moving, packing and decorating with tiny, cheerful knick-knacks (this is smile-inducing minimalism).

She even gives a nod to those who don't thrill to tidying up. Kondo admitted to her New York audience that she regrets some of her earlier zeal in discarding her family's belongings. Or, as she says in the new book, "Only when we accept unconditionally people whose values differ from our own can we really say that we have finished tidying."

While she may have mellowed in some respects, her goals are in no way diminished. Proper tidying up, she happily announced to the rapt audience, brings not only life-changing magic but a sense of joy that can spread from household to household, country to country.

"I believe my method will lead to world peace in the end," she said, smiling sweetly.

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metro SPORTS

Minnesota Timberwolves forward Andrew Wiggins will play in the NBA All-Star Rising Stars Challenge on Feb. 12 in his hometown Toronto

Childhood coach dishes on making of 'Meatloaf'

TENNIS

Raonic remembered as 'rambunctious'

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

Before he was the Maple Leaf Missile, Milos Raonic's nickname was "Meatloaf."

"I doubt he'd like it if you called him that now," joked his childhood tennis coach, Casey Curtis.

Curtis has known Raonic since he was just an eight-year-old with a racquet in Thornhill, Ont. He coached him for nine years, helping develop the booming serve and driving groundstrokes that have propelled Raonic into the sport's upper echelons.

Ranked 14th in the world, Raonic's success has shone a spotlight on Canadian tennis. He powered his way to the Australian Open semi-finals on Wednesday and will face off against Andy Murray on Friday for a spot in the final.

No Canadian man has ever won a grand slam trophy, but Curtis thinks Raonic has what it takes to beat history.

"It looks like he's playing 20 to 25 per cent better, which is a huge improvement for a guy at that level," Curtis said. "I'm glad he's doing it. It's what he's capable of."

Raonic has been playing more like he did when he was young, Curtis said, when he tried to emulate the serve-and-volley style of his idol, Pete Sampras.

"I can show you video from when Milos was a kid. His game hasn't changed much," he said. "He may be a quiet guy, but on the court he's an aggressive player who likes to go for his shots."

That aggression was a problem for the younger Raonic, who Curtis described as "a rambunctious junior" with a "temper."

Carlos Moya, a former tennis pro who is part of Raonic's coaching staff, "has taught him to be a little calmer, not only during matches but also in between matches," Curtis said.

As Raonic preps for his match against Murray, Curtis is offering up a little advice to his old prodigy.

"I'm not sure a 150 km/h kick serve is going to bother Andy. He's going to need to put some pace on it," he said.

Fortunately for Raonic, big serves are his specialty.

Milos Raonic MICHAEL DODGE/ GETTY IMAGES

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Milos Raonic reached the final four in Melbourne for the first time Wednesday with a 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 victory over Gael Monfils of France.

Raonic, who is known for his big serve, had just 10 aces to Monfils' 14.

The 25-year-old, who equalled his personal-best winning streak of nine matches from 2012, completed the victory in just over two hours.

Raonic next plays No. 2-ranked Andy Murray. They are 4-4 in career head-to-head matches, with Murray winning their last two meetings — in 2015 at Madrid and late 2014 in London. THE CANADIAN PRESS

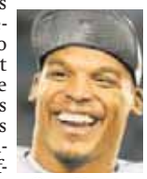
NFL

Newton shrugs off haters

Panthers quarterback Cam Newton suggested for the first time Wednesday that race may play a factor in why he's become a lightning rod for public criticism.

"I'm an African-American quarterback that scares people because they haven't seen nothing that they can compare me to," said the six-foot-five, 245-pound Newton.

The No. 1 pick in the 2011 NFL draft out of Auburn, Newton has his share of detractors who either don't like how he plays, his celebrations or his abundance of self-confidence.



Cam Newton GETTY IMAGES

Newton, a leading league MVP candidate putting up record-breaking numbers, said he learned a long time ago that he can't please everyone.

"People are going to judge, and have opinions on things I don't have control over," Newton said.

The stout and speedy Newton is beating teams with his arm and his legs, throwing for 35 touchdowns and running for 10 this season. He has helped lead the Panthers (17-1) to their first Super Bowl since 2003. Carolina plays the AFC champion Denver Broncos on Feb. 7 in Santa Clara, Calif.

Panthers coach Ron Rivera doesn't believe Newton should have to fight perceptions about race.

"I think he has always strived to have that separation," Rivera said.

"I don't think he wants to be known as an African-American quarterback; he wants to be known as a quarterback. I think that is what drives him, to be able to transcend those boundaries, which I think is great." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

"The only thing that has changed (about me) is that we're winning now."
Cam Newton

NHL

Stoner pleads guilty in bear-hunting case

Clayton Stoner GETTY IMAGES FILE

National Hockey League defenceman Clayton Stoner has pleaded guilty to hunting without a licence in connection with a grizzly bear hunt on British Columbia's central coast.

Stoner, 30, who plays for the Anaheim Ducks, appeared in an Abbotsford, B.C., court on Wednesday to face one charge under the provincial Wildlife Act involving the hunt in B.C.'s Great Bear Rainforest in May 2013. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

What do you guys want me to do, turn my brain off because I have a huge basketball IQ?
LeBron James on speaking his mind with coaches

NBA

Lowry questionable for Raps' next game

The Toronto Raptors could be without all-star point guard Kyle Lowry when they play for a franchise-record 10th win in a row.

Lowry didn't practise Wednesday after hurting his left wrist in Toronto's 106-89 win over the Washington Wizards the previous night, and is questionable for Thursday's game against the visiting New York Knicks.

"He's a little sore, but we'll see where he is (Thursday). There's no breaks, nothing significant," Raptors coach Dwane Casey said.

As insurance, the Raptors called up Delon Wright from their new D-League affiliate Raptors 905. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Lowry is averaging 20.9 points, 6.4 assists, five rebounds and 2.2 steals per game.

RECIPE Chicken Milanese

PHOTO: MAYA VISNYEI

Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

This crispy, lemon-y chicken is highly addictive and should only be cooked if you're ready to make it once a week for the rest of your life. You've been warned.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Total time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 pint of cherry tomatoes
- 1 garlic clove, sliced
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 Tbsp of balsamic vinegar
- Salt and pepper
- 2 chicken breasts
- 1 cup panko
- 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese, finely grated
- 1 Tbsp lemon zest
- 2 eggs
- 1 or 2 Tbsp olive oil

Directions
1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. Place tomatoes, garlic, olive oil, vinegar, salt and pepper on a baking sheet. Toss together then bake 20 minutes. Set aside.
3. With a sharp knife, slice the chicken in half so you end up with four thin cutlets. Place them on a work surface between two sheets of cling film. Use a rolling pin or meat mallet and pound until cutlets are 1/4-inch thin.
4. Whisk eggs in a shallow bowl. Mix panko, Parmesan, lemon zest and salt and pepper on a plate. Dip each piece of chicken into the egg, then press them on each side in the panko mixture and place on a clean plate.
5. Pour olive oil in skillet over medium heat. Place chicken in the hot oil and cook on each side until they're golden brown and crispy, about 5 minutes a side.
6. Serve with fresh arugula and roasted cherry tomatoes.

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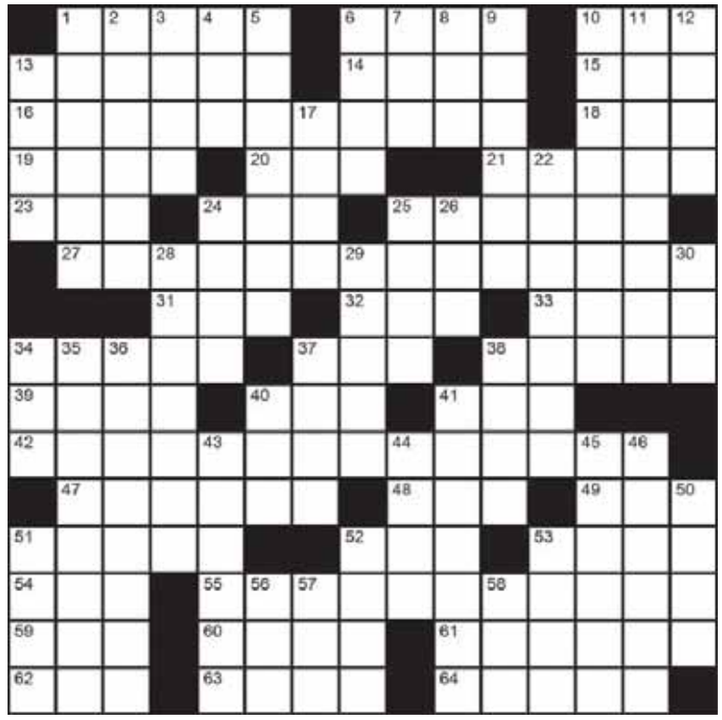

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25. "Calling Occupants of Interplanetary Craft" is a song by Canadian band __ that The Carpenters covered in 1977
27. It says only a #16-Across is eligible for Office of President: acr. + wd.
31. Egg layer
32. Mr. McMahon's
33. D'Urbervilles heroine
34. Mr. Martin (Coldplay singer)
37. Angry
38. Cast
39. Judge
40. Games org.
41. Superstar
42. Tom Cochrane hit: 4 wds.
47. Sparks of light
48. Little: French
49. Cave
51. Treaty of __ (War of 1812 finisher)
52. Web feed syst. for updates
53. Rattle
54. Sen. Ted Cruz (_-_): 2016 Presidential candidate who came into the world in Canada in 1970, that's why #27-Across has been in headlines lately
55. Start of the American document at #27-Across created in 1787: 3 wds.
59. Riddle-me-__
60. "Rolie Polie _"
61. GM car safety system
62. Medical pros
63. Actress Ms. Ward
64. Breakfast serving

DOWN
1. Alanis Morissette song: wd. + letter
2. Flip the coin again
3. Lady Antebellum's "_ _ to You"
4. Be mistaken
5. Actress Ms. Carroll
6. Styx tune
7. Self-importance
8. Leafs, on scoreboards
9. Lamb: French
10. Even more snobby
11. Skilled violinist
12. River to the Ubangi
13. Cut
17. Un-highs
22. Actor Mr. Perry
24. Pesci and Piscopo
25. Captain _ (17th-century sailor)
26. Mil. officers
28. Add one's opinion to the debate: 2 wds.
29. Instruct
30. Australian state [acronym]
34. Gladiator's 450
35. Intensify
36. Automatic reactions
37. Extinct flightless birds
38. "Ac-Cent-__-Ate the Positive"
40. 'Lobby' suffix
41. Laser target in a dermatologist's office, perhaps: 2 wds.
43. How animals boarded Noah's Ark: 2 wds.
44. _ dixit (Unproven claim)
45. Adjusts
46. Loudly scold: 2 wds.
50. Not ever, poetically
51. Rover's warning
52. Ms. Perlman
53. Pink: Spanish
56. 'Client' ending (Patronage)
57. Up to, poetically
58. Antacid brand

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't back off. The only way you are going to get past your problems is by rolling up your sleeves and getting stuck in to whatever it is that is making you feel blue.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Your social life will get a boost- and there's a possibility that love will come into your life — you will certainly meet someone who gets your pulse racing. It may not be the love of your life, but it will be fun!

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are living beyond your means and must make the necessary adjustments. They will be even more painful in the long-term if you don't make them now.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You have to be ruthless with those who seem to get a kick out of making life difficult for you. Both in your personal life and at work don't be afraid to cut ties that hold you back.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
There are times when even a Leo knows they must bend with the breeze. The winds of change are simply too strong for you to resist any longer. It's time for a change!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You're in one of those moods — you enjoy stirring up trouble. There's something in the Virgo nature that delights in creating chaos. You're sure to say or do something that causes an uproar today.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You're willing to fight for what you believe in, and that's good because you will be challenged by someone who disagrees strongly with your opinions today. Don't give them an inch — there is no middle ground!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Someone will come into your life and open your eyes to new possibilities. They'll remind you that, important as your own affairs are, there is a world out there that cannot be ignored.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You seem to prefer the dream world inside your head to the real world around you. What happens next will remind you that the real world is not such a bad place.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Look back over the past few months and ask yourself what you actually achieved. Rather a lot, most likely, so why are you still feeling down? Snap out of it because new opportunities are coming. Be ready for them.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Your head is full of great ideas but they must stay there; you won't have the chance to follow up on them for a while. Even if you miss one opportunity there will always be another.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Focus on what it is that you do better than anyone else. The more narrow your range the more successful you will be. If an issue doesn't concern you directly you must ignore it.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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